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Items of Interest Locally

For satisfaction in flour try Nicholson & Switzer.

Mrs. D. V. Pringle visited relatives here this week on her way to join her husband in Idaho.

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Glen Bruce, of Edmonton, was down for a week and visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bruce, at Gull Lake.

The annual meeting of the Lacombe Hospital will be held in the town hall on Wednesday afternoon April 8, at 3 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Graham returned this week from a three months' visit in eastern Canada and United States points.

One teamster was up in police court this week for leaving his team standing on the street without tying. He was fined one dollar and costs.

The police caught another man this week in the act of furnishing liquor to an interdict. He was fined \$50 and costs. The offending interdict was assessed \$25 and costs.

On last Saturday night a sneak thief stole a suit of clothes from the show window of McLeod's store, through an opening that had been left unrepaired in a broken pane of glass.

Get after the gophers, now is the time. Kill them early in the spring, and you won't have many in the summer. Special prices on Gophericide Poison. City Pharmacy, next Royal Bank.

One of the top notch attractions booked for the Comet is the Toronto Ladies' Quartette, which will appear here on Thursday evening April 9. They present a program full of music, mirth and mimicry such as critics approve of and uncultured as well as cultured understand and enjoy.

A box social and dance will be given in Boode's hall on Easter Monday evening, April 13, at 9:30 o'clock. The proceeds are for the benefit of Mrs. Haynes and family. The Rex orchestra have kindly given their services and will furnish the music. Hot coffee will be served with the lunches. Everybody invited. Come and help in a worthy cause.

On Tuesday evening, in Boode's Hall, A. W. Foley, Superintendent of the Poultry Department of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, addressed those interested in poultry matters, his chief object being to stimulate interest in egg circles. He showed how a properly conducted organization could accomplish much in the way

of improving the quality of eggs marketed, and by keeping the surplus of the most productive season in government cold storage obtain better prices. The Department is prepared to furnish every possible assistance. Mr. Foley laid great emphasis on the desirability of producing infertile eggs for market. Infertile eggs, properly kept would reach the consumer in splendid condition after months in cold storage. He also strongly advised breeding and feeding for all the year round laying, instead of having nearly the entire supply of the year come onto the market in the three months of spring. He gave statistics from his own experiments to show how successfully this can be done.

Miss Kennedy Married in London

The following account of the marriage of Miss Helen Kennedy one of Lacombe's most popular young ladies, which took place in London, England, on March 17th, has been received this week:

Mr. Howard Angus Kennedy, well known as a member of the Times staff in London for many years, and as the author of such standard books as "The Story of Canada," "New Canada and the New Canadians," and "The New World Fairy Book," and now the owner of a live-stock farm at Lacombe, left his Alberta home last month on a visit to the Old Country, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Helen Louise Kennedy. He is now on his way back alone. The chief object of his visit, in fact, was to be present at the young lady's wedding in London. Miss Kennedy, by the way, is a native Canadian, having been born in Montreal while her father was engaged in journalism there. The mother, who was unfortunately not strong enough for the voyage, is a southerner, belonging to a well-known family in Tennessee.

Miss Kennedy was married on March 17 at All Saints' church, in Langham Place, Rupert street, by the rector, Prebendary F. S. Webster, who is a cousin of Lord Altrivstone, late lord high chief justice of England. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by a matron of honor, Mrs. Frances Greentree, wife of Mr. Charles Greentree, manager of the Bank of Ottawa at Banff, Ont. The bridegroom, Mr. Lionel Newman Barret, is an associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and practices his profession in London. He is the son of a well-known artist, the late Mr. Jerry Barrett.

After the wedding a large attended reception was held at 1 Queen Anne street, Cavendish Square, the residence of the bride's uncle, Sir Alex. H. W. Kennedy, F.R.S., the eminent engineer. The newly wedded couple, after a short honeymoon in France, have gone to live at Highbury, on the northern outskirts of London. Mr. Kennedy returned to Canada in the C.P.R. Empress of Ireland.

Ruthenians Try to Bully Government

Edmonton, March 31.—Last year the trustees of the Boksung school district, north of Vegreville, undertook to hire a man named W. A. Camner, a Ruthenian from Manitoba holding no qualifications entitling him to teach school in this province, to teach their school. As soon as it was discovered, Mr. Fletcher, supervisor of foreign schools, informed the board that qualified teachers were available and they must employ a qualified teacher. This they refused to do.

All efforts to induce them to comply with the law having failed, Mr. Fletcher was appointed official trustee of the district. Trouble arose over getting possession of the school house and it became necessary to prosecute some of the disturbers and they were fined.

Camner, the dismissed teacher, assisted by some outside agitators, induced the people there to erect a little log school house and he conducted a private school in the building until Christmas.

In the meantime the treasurer paid out considerable money, some of it to Camner and some to pay the expenses and costs of the men who were fined. Mr. Fletcher as official trustee sued the treasurer, Stefan Kuczer, for the return of the money.

The case was tried before Judge Crawford on March 27 and judgment given in favor of Mr. Fletcher.

The next day the former trustees of the district accompanied by Mr. Mickelson called on the minister of education at the parliament buildings to try and induce the minister to remove Mr. Fletcher as official trustee and permit them to conduct their own affairs again. They stated frankly that they intended to hire a Ruthenian teacher. They were informed by Mr. Boyle that there was not the slightest objection to their employing a Ruthenian teacher if he held a certificate of qualification entitling him to teach in the schools of this province. This, however, was not satisfactory to them. They claimed the right to have their own teachers in their school who were qualified or not.

They stated that in the province of Manitoba their Ruthenian friends were permitted to employ Ruthenian teachers without the regular qualifications and were permitted to use in their schools, textbooks printed in the Ruthenian language and thought that they were entitled to the same privileges here. Mr. Boyle pointed out that they were receiving exactly the same treatment as other people; that the department maintains the same type of school for all citizens in this country; have standard of qualification for teachers. All teachers who prepare themselves in accordance with this standard are granted certificates to teach school no matter what their religion or nationality may be.

They then informed him that they had been Liberals in politics and that if the Liberals did not grant them what they considered to be the privileges they were entitled to, the Conservatives would do so if given a chance. They pointed out that their people were receiving concessions from the Conservatives in Manitoba and that if the Liberals in Alberta were not prepared to grant them similar privileges the Ruthenian people in the province would vote against the Liberals and put them out of office at the first opportunity.

Mr. Boyle informed them that if the Liberals had to retain office in Alberta by granting special privileges to different races of people they did not wish to retain office and that the government would not be intimidated into establishing any special type of school in any settlement in the province; that they were receiving the same treatment as other people and, in his opinion, ought to be satisfied.

The minister advised them to go home, send their children to school as they had been doing before the trouble occurred and demonstrate to the department that they were prepared to comply with the law and when the department was satisfied from the actions of the people in the district that they could be relied on to conduct their own school in accordance with the law Mr. Fletcher would relinquish the official trusteeship and they would be permitted to have their own school board.

Thirty New Elevators This Year

About thirty elevators will be constructed by the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, Ltd., this coming season in the province.

Applications from farmers' locals for elevators under the new act, closed yesterday, April 1st, and there has been a heavy bunch submitted for scrutiny. Many have been in since the beginning of the year, but as the time grew shorter they began to pour into the Calgary offices. Every opportunity will be given the locals to get in their applications, and the directors are now waiting to see what the April 1st mail will bring in before making any move. Several days' grace will be given in order to allow of this mail from C.N.R. and G.T.R. points which take at least two days on the road, to reach Calgary. The act states that applications mailed on April 1st will be legal.

When, however, the directors have sifted and sorted, and discovered if the provisions of the Elevator Act have been complied with in every particular, Manager E. J. Fream expressed the opinion that it will be necessary to erect and acquire about 30 elevators all told this year.

If it is made necessary to erect thirty this year, it will mean a building program of a quarter of a million dollars, to which the government advances a loan of eighty-five per cent., while the

farmers find fifteen per cent.

The Farmers' Elevator Company has now 53 elevators, which cost roughly \$450,000. Their assets in elevators by the close of the 1914 season will be around \$700,000, while they will have an elevator capacity bordering upon 2,500,000 bushels.

Sealers Perish in Storm

St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—At least sixty-four members of the crew of the sealing steamer Newfoundland perished in a storm which caught them on the ice floes near the straits of Belle Isle on Tuesday. That number of bodies was recovered by other steamers in the fleet, which also picked up thirty-seven survivors, all suffering severely from frost bite. Thirty members of the crew had remained on the Newfoundland when their companions went out to hunt seals, leaving about twenty men unaccounted for out of the total crew of about one hundred and fifty. There is a possibility that some of these were drowned by the overturning of the ice cakes.

The steamer Belle Venture with fifty-eight bodies and thirty-five of the survivors aboard is due here tomorrow. News of the disaster was flashed here by the Belle Venture's wireless operator.

The men were far from their ships killing seals when the storm, with blinding snow, swooped down upon them. They were exposed for forty-eight hours before assistance arrived, and in that time many succumbed.

The Newfoundland was one of a fleet of fifteen ships carrying over two thousand men scattered among the ice floes near Belle Isle Strait. The crews were on the floes hunting seals which frequent these crystal plains, and the hunt had taken them from four to six miles from their ships.

When the blizzard came the crews of the other vessels managed to regain their vessels, but the floes on which the Newfoundland men were hunting, drifted away from the main body of ice and when darkness fell that night no one had returned. The ship's crew numbered one hundred and fifty, of whom one hundred and twenty were on the ice. Captain Westley Kean, his officers, engineers, stockers and co-oks, remained aboard.

Vaudeville at Comet

The Comet has this week added good vaudeville features to their program. On Wednesday evening and Thursday evening Granville, musical artist and magician, entertained the audience with musical flower pots, musical glasses, musical hat-rack and other novel numbers. On Friday night Miss Cathie McHugh, characteristic dancer, delighted the audience with her splendid dancing of the Highland Fling and Irish Jig. In characteristic dancing Miss McHugh has no superior in the west.

Mexican Rebels Win Great Victory

Juarez, Mexico, April 2.—General Carranza announced that Torreon had fallen at ten-twenty o'clock tonight. The news was first announced to the world when the bugler in front of Carranza's residence blew the staccato notes of victory. The press, Carranza said, was sounded here even before it was heard in Torreon, Villa delaying out of compliment to his chief.

The meagre bulletins, excitedly announcing victory after the bloodiest series of battles known to Mexico, said that Villa captured a large number of prisoners, and the fleeing federal remnant was being pursued. Whether Velasco, the federal commander, was captured was not stated. There was heavy fighting today and the end came when after charging three remaining barracks held in the city by the federals, the rebels stormed the trenches and barbed wire entanglements of Canyon de Guachache.

Gomez, Palacio, April 3.—At 11 p. m. Thursday, General Villa occupied Torreon. Some of the federals who had been fighting on the outskirts of the town fled, but a large number of prisoners who had been defending the barricades were captured. The soldiers were exhausted from fighting and when it became known that the enemy had been routed, most of them fell asleep in the streets wherever they were. The streets are full of dead and wounded.

Jarrez, April 3.—The campaign against the federal stronghold of Torreon, the main objective of the rebel campaign, began suddenly two weeks ago, after General Villa had spent months in making the most careful preparation.

The rebel loss in this campaign is said to be well over 2,000 killed and wounded. Trains loaded with the latter have been arriving daily at Chihuahua for the last week.

The victory at Torreon gives the rebels undisputed control of the central part of northern Mexico, six hundred miles south from the Rio Grande. Its full effect cannot be summarized in a moment, but in prestige and power, it is said, its value is incalculable. It is certain to make recruiting a comparatively simple matter and holders of the constitutionalist fiat money predict a sudden rise in the rate when business is resumed in full. It was selling at twenty cents to the gold dollar yesterday.

The force sent against Torreon was the largest and best equipped of any in the revolutions which began with the revolt of Francisco Madero four years ago. Villa claimed to have 15,000 men, and conservative estimates give him nine or ten thousand.

Torreon, April 3.—The day has been given over to looting and executions. Velasco and his band of federals are battling against the inevitable in an effort to gain a friendly port to the southward. In close pursuit are the forces of Ortega and Hernandez, and they have orders to take him prisoner at any cost of men or mounts.

CONCLUSIONS

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Antiquities in Danger.
Hidden away in the national museums and libraries of St. Petersburg are guarded are a number of priceless manuscripts and books which but for a fortunate chance might have been lost to the world. The chief treasure of a museum at St. Petersburg is the oldest known Greek manuscript of the New Testament, which was about to be burned by the monks of a Syrian monastery, at the city of Hama, in Syria, in 1846. The monks, who had chosen one of the priests, struck off the antiquity of the manuscript, interfered in time to save what had been thought valueless.

The worms that infect children from their birth are of two kinds: those that lodge in the stomach and those that are found in the intestines. The latter are the most destructive, as they cling to the walls of the intestines and if not interfered with work havoc there. Miller's Worm Powders not only kill the worms but also soothe the inflamed lining of the intestines, thus relieving them from the system so to repair the damage they have caused.

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Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is usually the result of inflammation of the mucous membrane of the ear.

The cold winter of 1940 gave rise to the blanket. Its inventor, Thomas Blazette, a native of Bristol, had fallen from affluence to want. He and his wife, suffering from the intense cold by reason of scanty bedding and lack of fuel, he had been left with their two boys, and a small dog, in a room with no fire.

bed to freeze the warmth and hit on a piece of rough unfinished cloth that had been thrown to waste. Its substance was as a warm-giver superior to the coverings of special bed covers of the same material, and then, articles, to which he gave his own name, would him wealth and immortality.

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WHITEWASHING THE MUD-THROWERS

Attempts on the part of Conservative politicians to "throw mud" at the administration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier have invariably resulted in the necessity of taking strenuous steps to apply the "whitewash" to themselves. There has been an ugly boomerang attached to every effort to make political capital along this line, from the initial revelations concerning Mr. A. B. Morine, who received the first Borden appointment at the head of the hunt-for-Scandal Commission, which resulted in the Commissioner leaving Canada for good, down to the recent and scandalous scenes of the past week in the Ontario Legislature when in defiance of the rules of the House the Conservative majority spent all night in steam-rolling through a measure to protect Mr. C. Howard Ferguson from the statutory consequences of his conduct.

Mr. Ferguson's case was a specially significant one. Here was a lawyer-politician who set about to hunt for law-breakers while he was breaking the law himself. He was more concerned with the discovery of irregularities in the conduct of officials on the Trent Canal during the regime of the Liberal administration, than he was over the similar and more serious irregularities which have been carried on since the advent of the Borden administration. The evidence taken by Mr. Ferguson, as presented in his official report to the Government, shows that for the most part he was very careful to confine his questions to witnesses to what happened prior to September 21st, 1911. He combined the qualities of partisan investigator in that order of precedence.

That the investigation should have been held is evident from the irregularities disclosed. That Mr. Ferguson should have been chosen as the investigator destroyed its real purpose. It became not an investigation of wrong doing on the part of public servants, but a still hunt for political capital.

Mr. Ferguson, it will be remembered, is the politician who came so zealously to the defence of Hon. W. J. Hanna, in the Legislature, when the Provincial Secretary became involved in the yet-to-be-explained negotiations with Contractor Taylor who furnished Mr. Hanna with a campaign contribution of \$500. Mr. Ferguson's zeal for full publicity of facts and for the public welfare was not made apparent at the time.

Mr. Ferguson violated the law of his own Government in his eagerness to avail himself of the emoluments and opportunities which the commission of the Borden Government offered him. He disqualified himself under the Revised Statutes of Ontario from further holding his seat in the Legislature. He became liable to a penalty of \$2,000 per day for every day on which he had occupied his seat in the Legislature since his acceptance of the commission in 1912. When confronted with the serious consequences of his action, the Ontario Government, the members of which he had so vigorously aided in their hour of need, rushed in panic to his rescue and sought to legislate against its own enactments with a view to "saving" the politician in-

vestigator. In defiance of the rules of the Legislature, against the protests of Liberalism, the gag and the steam-roller were ruthlessly applied to save this politician from the inevitable results of his own acts.

The whole spectacle has a very unpleasant flavor. It illustrates the reckless disregard of British ideals of fair play and decency which have obtained in Canada under the party-first regime of the Borden administration. It will, however, do much to arouse public sentiment to the necessity for stern and drastic reform, if Canada is to have her good name protected and a high standard of morality in public life preserved.

STAGING THE C. N. R. COUP

Before the Government publicly surrenders again to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann and allows them to shake the plum tree for another forty or fifty millions, political exigencies require considerable stage-play for the benefit of the people of Canada who provide the money. For the past fortnight or so there has been a lot of this stage-play on Parliament Hill. The Conservative caucus held on Wednesday last, ostensibly to enable the Government to consult its followers and ask their advice as to whether the proposed aid should be given to the Canadian Northern or not, was merely "playing to the gallery." As a matter of fact, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. W. T. White and Premier Borden knew last session when the fifteen million dollars gift was made to Mackenzie and Mann, that they would be back again this session for considerably more, and that they would have to be accommodated.

Public sentiment however, has to be consulted even by a Conservative Government. The renewal of the application on a larger scale this year with the consequent arousing of public suspicion and resentment has convinced the Government that there must be at least a show of driving a hard bargain with the Railway Knights. Moreover, apparent reluctance to meet their wishes would of course help the driving of the bargain.

What is wanted by the Government and its followers is a quid pro quo. A campaign contribution of at least \$750,000 is whispered in the lobbies as being one of the "considerations." To placate public opinion there must also be some show of a complete accounting by Mackenzie and Mann of what has been done with the public assistance already granted towards financing the C. N. R. system. This aid, including cash and land subsidies and bond guarantees, both provincial and federal, now amounts to over \$200,000,000. And as yet there has never been any real or complete statement made to Parliament or to the public as to how the funds thus raised have been expended.

The Government realizes that in granting further assistance to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann it is apt to bump up against a very strong and impatient public whose long suffering has already been strained nearly to the breaking point. But at the same time the Government realizes that its political exigencies, and the needs of its financial allies demand that the bond guarantee be given. That is now well understood between the two contracting parties. The pub-

lic of course which pays the shot is not being taken into confidence. The present stage play is for the benefit of the public. That is about all they will get out of it.

THE COST OF LIVING

The High Cost of Living Commission has ceased for three weeks from the labors of finding out what causes, other than the tariff, are responsible for the steady increase in the high cost of living. Members of the Commission are at present engaged in attending to their regular duties as departmental officials, from which positions they were taken to conduct the investigation entered into by the Government, as a convenient way of shelving temporarily the public demand for a removal of some of the tariff burdens now affecting the general consumer. A week or so hence the Commission will leisurely resume its work by going to Western Canada.

It is quite evident that the Government does not want any report from the commission to be presented to Parliament this session. It is also quite evident that no tariff changes for the benefit of the general consumer are to be expected. The attitude of the Government against the Liberal proposals for free food stuffs, free wheat, and free agricultural implements has already been made abundantly clear. But there are increasing evidences that the clamorous "infant industry" of the iron and steel men is to be fed again. There are authoritative whispers now going the rounds of stock markets and of the circles interested in securing increased protection for the Big Irons, that when the budget is brought down in the Commons shortly, there will be as big an increase in the protection on iron and steel as the country can be induced to stand for, without causing too much of a revolt.

Meanwhile however, the latest figures published by the Labor Department show that while the cost of living in Canada is higher now than it was at this time last year, there has been a marked decrease both in Great Britain and the United States. Tariff revision downwards in the United States is having the logical and expected effect in lowering the cost of living to the common people. Bradstreet's index number for the United States, indicating the average cost of commodities of general use, was 94592 in February of last year. For February of this year it dropped to 88691. In Canada the index number for February of last year was 136.1. For February of last year it was 135.8.

The moral to be drawn will doubtless be conveniently overlooked by the Government and the Commission at the behest of the Government.

COL. HUGHES SUBDUED

The weeks are slipping around, but still Col. Sam Hughes has not dared to repeat outside of Parliament, where he is protected from any action for libel, the statements he made concerning Hon. Sydney Fisher's alleged connection with the purchase of the Parham Military training ground. Mr. Fisher challenged the Minister three weeks ago to repeat his charges, outside the sacred precincts of the Parliament Buildings, and declared that an action of criminal libel would be taken forthwith. Since

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then Col. Sam has remained discreetly but ingloriously silent. Can it be possible that Canada's warlike minister of Militia who captured the thousand Boers at most single-handed refuses to fight in the open? Or that "an officer and gentleman," is a wilful and malicious calumniator? Or can it be that Col. Sam's fighting spirit has been subdued by Mr. Webster, the Conservative member for Brockville, who, according to an interesting story now being circulated among the members of Parliament, had a strenuous set-to with the Minister in the latter's office a few days ago?

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A Settler's Tragic Death

Edmonton, March 26.—Asked by a stranger to help him to take care of a man who was dying on the road as the result of a tree falling on him, Mrs. Secoy, the wife of an Edmonton man home-staying in the neighborhood of Rutwist, rushed to the scene of the accident, about a quarter of a mile from her house, when she discovered to her horror that it was her husband who was the victim. The injured man was lying unconscious in deep mud, his head practically smashed to pulp, and presenting a sight calculated to overcome even the strongest. The unfortunate woman fell fainting beside the prostrate form of her mortally injured partner. Pulling herself together, however, on the realization that something must be done quickly if the life was to be saved, she dispatched her daughter for a doctor, and for over an hour stayed alone beside her husband and put up a plucky fight to try and resuscitate him, but to no avail.

When the doctor arrived the poor woman was lying in the mud beside her dead husband. The shock had proved too much for her. It was not, however, until life was extinct that she gave up her plucky fight to save Secoy.

The deceased man before going to his homestead lived in Edmonton for two years, and was well known in the city. He was a native of Vallere, Montana.

Edmonton Spring Horse Show

The Edmonton Exhibition Association will utilize their magnificent new stock pavilion, the largest of its kind in Canada, and up to date in every particular, to conduct one of the largest horse shows, combined with a cattle sale and fat stock show, ever given in Western Canada. The official opening will take place Tuesday evening, April 7th, at 8 p. m., and there will be afternoon and evening performances each day of the show. Over \$10,000 will be offered in prizes. The directors have decided to pay the freight on all Alberta-owned live stock to the Exhibition grounds, except the cattle entered for sale, on which a minimum charge of \$2 per head will be made. Liberal prizes have been offered for fat stock in our lots, the first prize for steers being \$150, given by the Natural Resources Department of the C. P. R., with second, third and fourth prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 given by Association. The first prizes for car lots of sheep and swine are \$100 each, also given by the C. P. R. Generous prizes are also given for individual entries, groups and pens of all kinds of fat stock, with a carcass competition for which large cash prizes are again given. Altogether over \$20,000 is offered for prizes in fat stock. It is expected that the Horse Show, both for breeding classes and harness horses will attract a large entry not only from Alberta but from different points in Canada. Special prizes are given for green horses and also for horses that are owned in Alberta in all classes. Some of the fastest Standard Breds, some

of the highest jumpers in Canada, and the best hunters and high stepers, are expected to provide entertainment daily for the large crowds who are sure to patronize this show. Single fare return has been arranged for on all railroads.

ANOTHER PROBLEM "SOLVED"

Problems too big for the present government, or the solution of which involves the Administration in complications with its friends, the corporations and the big interests, are "solved" by the simple process of referring them to commissions, or committees. So many of these have been appointed at great cost to the country since the present government came to power, that it is almost impossible to keep track of them all. In fact the shelving of responsibility by this means has become a habit, and scarcely a month passes without an announcement in the Government press to the effect that the Government has given further proof of its progressive methods by its decision to "deal" with some big question.

As an evidence of its good faith in the matter, the personnel of a commission appointed to investigate and report is usually announced a few days later. The problem of high prices is to be solved by a commission to investigate the high cost of living; to settle the Nanaimo strike Mr. Crothers, Minister of Labor, appointed his former law partner, Mr. Price, as a one-man commission, while he himself left for England, having thus shelved the responsibility. Premier Borden got rid of his pre-election promises to bring down legislation providing for greater purity in elections, by turning the whole thing over to a committee consisting of a majority of his own supporters, and with one of his own ministers as chairman.

The latest triumph of the Government in this matter of shelving responsibility is in connection with the Georgian Bay Canal project. The Government "recognizes" the importance of this great work, and declares its sympathy towards it. But there are certain friends of the Government among the transportation interests who are not of the same opinion, and who do not want the water competition which the building of the canal would provide. So Mr. Rogers, Minister of Public Works, declared that a commission would be appointed to investigate the commercial possibilities of the route. The personnel of the Commission has just been announced. It will consist of Ex-Mayor Sanford Evans of Winnipeg, Edward Gohier, and Frank S. Meighen of Montreal.

Mr. Rogers has stated that the Government will be bound by the report of this commission, and has declared that if it is favorable the canal will be proceeded with.

Now it is conceivable that the investigations of this committee will take up considerable time, and that its report will not be submitted much before the next election. In the meantime a pretence of commencing the work from the French River end is being made. This move, however, while adding to the political popularity of Hon. Frank Cochrane in the Nipissing country, need not involve the Government in any quarrel with the railroad men, for neither the Grand Trunk nor the Canadian Pacific

will be seriously affected by any work done as far as North Bay. And thus does the Government build up a "reputation" for "the fearless tackling" of large undertakings and for a "desire" to solve the big problems of the day.

RIVAL AMBITIONS

There is only one thing lacking in connection with the office of Canadian High Commissioner. There is no trouble about the supplies for the office, for the government has provided them with a generous hand. There is no difficulty about the question of salary, for the government has made preparation for a greatly increased amount. There is only one detail lacking attention—the appointment of the High Commissioner himself.

Months have passed since Lord Strathcona died. His successor remains unappointed. The government does nothing. To quote the words of Hon. George P. Graham, it "shivers on the brink" of making an appointment—"shivers on the brink" because the Ministers are unable to decide among Premier Borden, Hon. Robert Rogers and the half dozen or so other aspirants for the position. If "shivers on the brink" because of the complications which loom up if any one of the aspirants is named.

If Premier Borden is named what of his successor at the head of the government? Would Mr. Rogers step into the shoes and become in name, as he is now in actuality, the master of the administration? What would the country think of Robert Rogers, the "hero" of scores of Manitoba political deals and countless election scandals as official leader of the Conservative party? Or, if Rogers forces the government's hand and compels his appointment as successor of Strathcona, what would be thought of such a man standing as representative of Canada at the heart of the Empire?

If, in compromise, one of the other aspirants is named, what of the disappointed ambitions of their competitors and the complications they must bring? What of the determination of "the Manitoba wonder" to be High Commissioner himself or to oust Borden from the Premiership?

So, because of party difficulties involved in the selection, the government leaves Canada unrepresented at London, sacrifices the interests of the Dominion to petty party ends. How far the country suffers no one can say with definiteness; but, surely, if Canada has ever been in need of the services of an able and honest man at London that time is now when conditions of financial depression and stringency are affecting Canadian projects at the money market of the Empire.

The situation brought some good natured raillery from Hon. Mr. Graham in the Commons a few days ago, good natured but none the less pointed because of its good nature. It left the government embarrassed because Mr. Graham put his finger on some of the reasons of the Ministry's inaction.

"Why should Parliament be asked to vote supplies to someone who does not exist?" he asked. "Why grant money to someone who isn't on the job?"

But the government did not respond. The squabble over the

High Commissionership goes merrily on. Mr. Rogers continues to scheme, and others continue to outwit him or to advance their own selfish interests if his scheming wins him the High Commissionership or brings the ousting of the Prime Minister. Meanwhile, Canadian money is spent for an office which is without a head and Canadian interests go unrepresented at London at a critical time in Canadian affairs.



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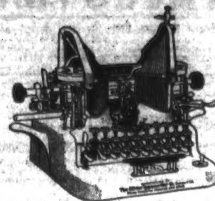
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Mrs. Sommerville's Lecture

As a lecturer, Mrs. Sommerville is not as bright a star as some. The subject of "Social Purity" would lead itself admirably to more capable handling. However, Mrs. Sommerville is entitled to whatever credit attaches to doing the best she can in a field where she feels that workers are badly needed. Her lecture was illustrated with colored lantern slides showing views of houses of prostitution in Winnipeg, Vancouver, San Francisco, New York, Chicago and New Orleans, also several photographs of inmates of those houses of ill fame. She dwelt upon the terrible venereal diseases that are sure to be contracted by inmates and patrons of these dens of iniquity, illustrating with lantern slides. She referred somewhat briefly to the white slave traffic and its attendant horrors, charging that the police of all large cities are in collusion with the dive keepers. The only remedies she proposed were the teaching of sex hygiene to the children in the schools and in the home, and votes for women. If women were given the ballot that would put a stop to the whole race of evil and vices connected with it, according to the lecturer.

Teaching the Child

The enthusiasm which has been recently manifested throughout this continent for the teaching of what is called sex-hygiene is

sometimes more boisterous than intelligent. It is undoubtedly a fact that many parents neglect to teach their children some of the most necessary things for them to know during the critical period of adolescence. But is there any necessity for talking as it were desirable to stuff the youngsters with a sort of peptonized psychology and pathology? What is necessary for a child to know is not very complicated, and if imparted in the proper way by a person whose character the child respects, there should be no necessity for the elaborate methods of instruction now advocated. Best of all, of course, would be personal talks between the teacher and the pupil when the former had carefully found out that the parents had neglected their duty. We are not so old-fogeyish as to desire that children should be brought

up in complete ignorance or innocence as some would call it. Such ignorance or innocence is impossible in modern conditions—more especially for the city child. There are innumerable ways in which the curious intelligence of childhood will learn the facts of life only, in most cases to take a tragically wrong view of them. If we cannot close the eyes and ears of our children, or abolish the melancholy features of life, we should not close our own eyes to the simple truth that children do see things and do try to explore their significance. But there is no necessity

to emphasize this fact, by the shrie king shibboleths of sex-hygiene. What is needed is a little common sense, a little sympathy and a tremendous carefulness.

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